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Generators Installation Guidelines

Site

1. The site location of Generators as of 06/26/2025 is not governed by our local ordinances. However, the side and front yard placement of equipment requires screening as described in LCO 1141.04 landscaping and screening materials (attached to this document).

Communication with Gas Supplier

1. Generators are considered additional equipment which creates an additional demand for gas. To verify that the existing gas piping system is capable of the additional demand, it is required that the contractor or homeowner contact the gas supplier.
2. This is the current link to forms provided by Enbridge also included in the online permit application.
<https://www.enbridgegas.com/ohio/start-stop-service/new-construction/residential-application>

Permits

1. Due to the size of the existing gas supply lines the supplier (Enbridge) has encountered, permits will be put on hold pending verification from the gas supplier.
 - a. Permits are separate from Plan approvals; This means that while a plan approval may be issued based on state building code your permit will be held pending local City or utility provider requirements.

Plan Submittals

1. Plan information submitted for review shall contain the following information.
 - a. Site Plan- location of generator, distances from house, property lines, windows, mechanical intakes, vents
 - b. Generator information- manufacture, model number, installation guidelines, BTU's
 - c. Gas line- point of connection to gas service, type of gas line, indication of gas line routing to generator, length of gas line, underground/buried line installations (if applicable)
 - d. Electrical information- meter and panel locations, transfer switch, routing, grounding existing or new.



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Lakewood Codified Ordinance

1141.04 LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING MATERIALS.

(a) Screening, approved by the Architectural Board of Review, may take the form of:

- (1) A landscaped earthen berm a minimum of two (2) feet high plus plantings a minimum of two (2) feet high (a total of four [4] feet high) at all points;
- (2) A concrete or masonry wall;
- (3) A wood, wrought iron, tubular steel, or similar fence compatible with the character of the area in which the fence is to be placed;
- (4) A compact hedge or other live evergreen vegetative barrier; or
- (5) A combination thereof.

Fences and walls used to meet screening requirements shall display a finished face toward adjacent streets and properties.

(b) All varieties of living landscape materials used shall be:

- (1) Healthy, hardy, and drought-resistant consistent with the availability of water for artificial irrigation; and
- (2) Suitable for the climate and environmental influences on the site, such as exposure to sun, wind, water, heat, automobile exhaust fumes, and road salt; and
- (3) Compatible with the slope of the site, with existing vegetation to be preserved and with utility lines above or below ground level; and
- (4) Not prone to cause a nuisance within the public right-of-way as a result of dropping fruit or debris other than leaves; and
- (5) Protected from pedestrian or vehicular traffic by grates, pavers, or other measures, where vulnerable to damage.

(c) Grass or other ground cover shall be planted over all landscaped strips including earthen faces of berms -- except in areas planted in flowers, shrubs, or trees -- so as to present a finished appearance and reasonably complete coverage within three (3) months after planting.

Non-living landscaping materials such as sand, stones, rocks, or barks may be substituted for living cover on strips which are six (6) feet or less in width and may cover a maximum of thirty percent (30%) of the landscaped area in other instances. No artificial plants or artificial turf shall be used.